To the Honourable Houſe of Commons,

ASSEMBLED in PARLIAMENT.

The Humble PETITION *of divers Perſons of ſeveral Callings who keep the Markets in* London, *in behalf of themſelves and Hundreds more;*

Humbly Sheweth,

THAT ſome of Your **Petitioners** having only Stalls in the ſaid Markets, they are compelled by the *Farmers* of the ſaid Markets, to pay Exceſſive Fines and Rents for the ſame; which, as they can prove, is much more than was ever paid heretofore: And others of Your **Petitioners** who have only Sitting in the ſaid Markets and no otherwiſe, and having paid formerly ſome 2 *d.* ſome 3 *d.* and ſome 4 *d.* a Week, only for their ſaid Sitting, towards Cleaning the ſaid Markets, as your **Petitioners** can prove; But the *Farmers* of the ſaid Markets (contrary to Law and Cuſtome, as Your **Petitioners** Humbly conceive) have for ſome Years paſt compelled ſome of them to pay, ſome 1 *s.* ſome 3 *s.* ſome 5*s.* a Week, and ſome more, for their ſaid Sitting, which has occaſioned many of Your **Petitioners**, not being able to pay their great Demands, to be forced to abſcond from the ſaid Markets, to the great Impoveriſhment of them and their Families; and thoſe of Your **Petitioners** who have ſtill continued Sitting in the ſaid Markets, are ſo much Oppreſſed by their great Exactions, that they are ſcarce able to keep them and their Families in Bread.

And ſome of Your **Petitioners** having formerly refuſed to pay ſuch great Rates for their Stalls and Sittings, as have been Impoſed upon them, have been Arreſted and their Goods Seized, to their great Damage and Impoveriſhment; ſome of them being Country People, have been forced to comply to the ſaid *Farmers* Demands, by reaſon they could not put in Bail, being Foreigners and unknown in the City.

And others of Your **Petitioners** for ſome time paſt, by reaſon of the Deadneſs of Trade, having been unable to pay ſo great Rates laid upon them, are daily threatned by the ſaid *Farmers* to be Arreſted, and their Goods Seized for their Arrears, which if they do, muſt inevitably Ruine them.

And foraſmuch as Your **Petitioners** have oftentimes ſought Relief from the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of *London*, and particularly delivered a **Petition** on the 6*th.* of *March*, 1688. and thereupon had a Hearing before a Committee, appointed to hear their Grievances; but Your **Petitioners** having no Redreſs;

May it therefore pleaſe this Honourable Houſe, to take the Premiſſes into Conſideration, and to grant Your Petitioners *Hearing, that ſo thereby they may not hereafter be Burthened in the like kind, but may have their former Cuſtomes and Priviledges Reſtored.*

And Your *Petitioners* ſhall ever Pray, *&c.*

Hamlet Toone	*John Linley*	*Thomas Dawes*	*Richard Collman*	*Joſeph Hollemoor*	*Ann Bannifter*	*Edwrrd Oakley*
Rich. Farley	*Theophilus Piffs*	*Michael Turpin*	*John Flowers*	*Charles Trigge*	*Henry Bartholocmen*	*John Ruffe*
John Swelgrove	*Bernard Serjant*	*Mary Wright*	*George Flowers*	*Henry Hunt*	*Thomas Hipwell*	Widdow *Cobb*
James Bayly	*William Morris*	*John Newe*	*Richard Mills*	Widdow *Sherman*	*Mich. Wheeler*	*Henry Blewman*
John Lillee	*Walter Watters*	*Thomas Perkins*	*John Preſton*	Widdow *Linkhorn*	*Ann Linſey*	*Ann Batt*
Henry Hamman	*Robert Tate*	*Aaron Withers*	*John Gunter*	Widdow *Delaney*	*Joſeph Homes*	*James Whicheloe*
George Fane	*James Ray*	*Joſeph Tothill*	*Edward Barrett*	Widdow *Thoarp*	*Chriſtopher Jone*	*Frances Thomas*
John Mainer	*William Weaver.*	*Edward Roakes*	*Richard Breadcutt*	*William Springall*	Widdow *Hooker*	With Hundreds more
John Biſhop	*Richard Cowderey*	*Richard Roakes*	*John Bonſey*	Widdow *Gibſon*	*William Sedgley*	not mentioned.

An Account of ſome of the Particulars of the Grievances herein mentioned, viz.

Butchers Grievances.

Daniel Moſen paid Formerly 2 *s.* 6 *d.* a Week. Now is compelled to pay 7 *s.* a Week, and 17 *l.* a Fine. *John Moſen* paid Formerly 2 *s.* 3 *d.* Now 6 *s.* 6 *d.* and 26 *l.* Fine. *Sarah Chambers* Widdow, Formerly 4 *s.* 6 *d.* Now 12 *s.* and 40 *l.* Fine. *William Child* Formerly 2 *s.* 6 *d.* Now 9 *s.* and 17 *l.* 6 *s.* Fine. *Robert Tatt* Formerly 2 *s.* Now 6 *s.* and 10 *l.* Fine.

And the Perſons following, with many more, can prove, that they never was demanded to pay any Fines; but were compelled of late by the *Farmers* to pay Exceſſive Fines for their Stalls, as,

	l.	s.	d.	
Henry Hamond,	23	13	00	} Fine.
William Morris,	16	02	06	

	l.	s.	d.	
John Lyngley,	26	17	06	} Fine.
John Biſhop,	21	10	00	

	l.	s.	d.	
John Mayner	26	17	06	} Fine.

Fruiterers Grievances.

Charles Trigg was compelled by the ſaid *Farmers* to pay 5 *l.* Fine, and 18 *l.* a Year for a Shed or Stall, which is worth not above 5 *l.* or 6 *l.* a Building, as is well known. But being unable of late, to pay ſo great a Rent, has been Arreſted by the ſaid *Farmers*, and the Suit is ſtill depending, likely to prove his Ruine. *John Preſſon* alſo Arreſted, and the Suit ſtill depending. *Ann Lyndſey* formerly paid 12 *d.* a Week. Now, 12 *l.* a Year, and 5 *l.* Fine. *Henry Hunt* Formerly 1 *s.* a Week. Now, 4 *s.* 6 *d.* a Week. *Michael Wheeler* Formerly 1 *s.* 3 *d.* a Week. Now, 15 *l.* 10 *s.* a Year. *Richard Mills* Formerly 2 *d.* a Week. Now, 1 *s.* 6 *d.* a Week.

Gardiners Grievances.

Henry Broomeman was compelled to pay 3 *l.* 4 *s.* 6 *d.* for a Fine, and 2 *s.* 6 *d.* a Week, which Formerly paid only 1 *s.* a Week. *Francis Thomas* paid only 6 *d.* a Week Formerly. Now payes 1 *s.* 6 *d.* a Week. *Elizabeth Baldwyn* 1 *s.* 2 *d.* a Week Formerly. Now, 3 *s.* 6 *d.* a Week. *Chriſtopher Hyon* 9 *d.* a Week Formerly. Now, 2 *s.* 6 *d.* a Week.

Bacon-ſellers, who formerly Sold their Goods upon their own Stalls, and paid 2 *d.* a Week for their Sitting, have been compelled of late by the ſaid *Farmers*, to take Stalls of them, which coſt not above 2 *l.* 10 *s.* Building, and to pay 5 *l.* a Year for the ſame.

Ann Whittingſtall is turned out, for not being able to pay ſo great a Rent for a Stall, to her great Ruine.

Several Country People who only paid Formerly 2 *d.* a Week, are Now forced to pay 1 *s.* a Week, and ſome more, having only Sittings in the Markets, and no Stalls.

Herb-ſellers, who paid ſome of them Formerly, but 2 *d.* 3 *d.* and 4 *d.* a Week for their Sitting, are Now compelled to pay ſome 1 *s.* ſome 2 *s.* ſome 3 *s.* and ſome 4 *s.* a Week, beſides 20 or 30 *s.* a Year demanded of them in the nature of a Ground-Rent, and are almoſt Ruined in paying ſo great Rates, their Gains being ſo ſmall.

Beſides many more who are Burthened and Aggrieved in the like kind and nature, which they can Teſtifie, but too tedious to be here Incerted.

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